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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Boris V. Marchegiani  
Serial No.: 09/496,389  
Filed: February 2, 2000  
For: "Method and System for Automated Auction and Tender of Complex  
Multivariable Commodities"  
Examiner: Ella Colbert  
Art Unit: 3624

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**Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. The additional elements required for the RCE are listed below:

1. Response to Office Action Dated December 23, 2005 (11 pages);
2. Petition For Extension of Time (1 page);
3. Check No. 22526 in the amount of \$395.00 to cover the RCE fee;
4. Check No. 22527 in the amount of \$225.00 to cover the Extension fee, and
5. Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/496,389. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request (this document); 2) a submission; 3) a fee; 4) a Petition for Extension of Time; and 5) a fee to cover the extension. The submission provided herein is a Response to Office Action. Such a submission is a proper submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (c). With extension, a response is due on or before May 23, 2006.

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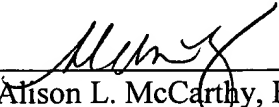
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Respectfully submitted,



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